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## CORVETTES OF FRESNO

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ESTABLISHED 1963

DECEMBER 2015

# MERRY CHRISTMAS



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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS - THERE WILL BE NO DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS PARTY AT TORNINOS - SHARON MINNICH 559-449-3331

JANUARY 12, 2016 - TUESDAY - TAHOE 48 MEETING 7PM AT DENNEY'S

FEBRUARY 27, 2016 - SATURDAY - ICE BREAKER TO MONTEREY - INFO TO FOLLOW

# TAHOE 48 - SEPTEMBER 8 - 11, 2016

# 12 DAYS OF CORVETTE CHRISTMAS



On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me, a 1963 Vette.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Christmas my true love gave to me, two bucket seats and a 1963 Vette.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Christmas my true love gave to me, three car bras, two bucket seats and a 1963 Vette.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas my true love gave to me, four fender grilles, three car bras, two bucket seats and a 1963 Vette.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas my true love gave to me, five mo....del...cars, four fender grilles, three car bras, two bucket seats and a 1963 Vette.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas my true love gave to me, six CD's singing, five mo...del...cars, four fender grilles, three car bras, two bucket seats and a 1963 Vette.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas my true love gave to me, seven towels a washing, six CD's singing, five mo...del...cars, four fender grilles, three car bras, two bucket seats and a 1963 Vette.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas my true love gave to me, eight mufflers muffling, seven towels a washing, six CD's singing, five mo...del...cars, four fender grilles, three car bras, two bucket seats and a 1963 Vette.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas my true love gave to me, nine spark plugs sparking, eight mufflers muffling, seven towels a washing, six CD's singing, five mo...del...cars, four fender grilles, three car bras, two bucket seats and a 1963 Vette.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas my true love gave to me, ten wheels a spinning, nine spark plugs sparking, eight mufflers muffling, seven towels a washing, six CD's singing, five mo...del...cars, four fender grilles, three car bras, two bucket seats and a 1963 Vette.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas my true love gave to me, eleven horns a blaring, ten wheels a spinning, nine spark plugs sparking, eight mufflers muffling, seven towels a washing, six CD's singing, five mo...del...cars, four fender grilles, three car bras, two bucket seats and a 1963 Vette.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas my true love gave to me, twelve engines humming, eleven horns a blaring, ten wheels a spinning, nine spark plugs sparking, eight mufflers muffling, seven towels a washing, six CD's singing, five mo...del...cars, four fender grilles, three car bras, two bucket seats and a 1963 Vette.



*Merry  
Christmas*

## **Twas the Night Before Christmas - Corvette Style**

**'Twas the night before Christmas and out in the garage, There wasn't a trace of a Honda, Toyota, or Dodge.**

**The presents were wrapped and the lights were all lit, So I figured I'd mess with my classic Corvette for a bit.**

**I popped the release and lifted the hood, When a deep voice behind me said "looks pretty good."**

**Well, as you can imagine, I turned mighty quick, And there, by the workbench, stood good ol Saint Nick!**

**We stood there a bit, not too sure what to say, Then he said "don't suppose that you'd trade for my sleigh?"**

**"No way, Santa" I said with a grin, "But if you've got the time we can go for a spin!"**

**His round little mouth, all tied up like a bow, Turned into a smile and he said "Sure! Let's go!!!" So as not to disturb all the neighbors' retreat, We quietly pushed the Vette out to the street, Then, taking our places to coast down the hill, I turned on the key and I let the clutch spill.**

**The sound that erupted took him quite by surprise, But he liked it a lot, by the look in his eyes. With tires a' screaming and side pipes aglow, We headed on out to where the hot rodders go. And Santa's grin widened, approaching his ears, With every shift up as I banged through the gears.**

**Then he yelled "can't recall when I've felt so alive!" So I backed off the gas and asked Santa if he wanted to drive.**

**O! Santa was stunned when I gave him the keys, When he walked past the headlights he shook at the knees!**

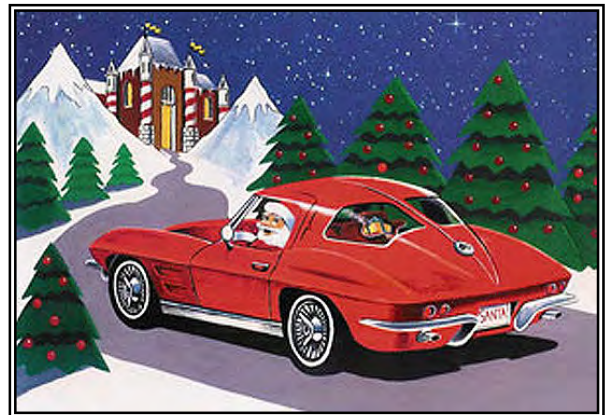
**The Corvette exploded with side exhaust sound!**

**And when Santa let out the clutch and the tires shook the ground!**

**Power shift into second, again into third!**

**I sat there just watching, at loss for a word, Then I heard him exclaim as we blasted from sight,**

**"Merry Christmas to all, it's one hell of a night!!!"**





# FIBERGLASS FOREVER



**CORVETTES OF FRESNO, INC**  
Is a non-profit organization formed by  
those owners who are proud to drive  
America's only true sports car  
**THE CORVETTE**

Our club meetings are held at 7:00 pm on  
the third Tuesday of the month at  
Yosemite Falls Cafe 4020 North Cedar  
Between Dakota & Ashlan on the East  
side of Cedar

If you are an interested Corvette owner,  
we invite you to attend.

The one time initiation fee is \$30.00 and  
covers the cost of your Corvettes of Fresno  
window sticker, membership directory,  
club by-laws, nametag and many other  
goodies.

The annual dues are \$95.00 per year per  
couple, or \$77.00 per year per individual.

## COF BOARD MEETING NOTICE

**CORVETTES OF FRESNO BOARD  
MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST  
TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE  
OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY ON  
SHAW NEAR CEDAR AVE START  
TIME IS 6:30 PM  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

## 1964 TRIVIA



**Aluminum knock off wheels  
only cost \$322 for a set of 5 in  
1964.**

**Only the driver's side vent on  
the 1964 Corvette is functional.**

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# THE PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST



**Hello Everyone,**

**Another year is almost over, with Thanksgiving and Christmas right around the corner, you wonder where all the time has gone!**

**It's been a great year with many runs and meet and eats that we enjoyed with our ever expanding membership. Seems like we have Visitors and New Members at just about every General Meeting. It's wonderful to see so many interested in joining the club!**

**Well, with the year just about over, my time as President is coming to an end. I want to thank all of the 2014-2015 Board Members who made my job easy. I also want to thank all of the Club Members for their encouragement, support and cooperation. It's been a learning experience and an opportunity for me to contribute to the club.**

**Special thanks goes out to Allen Teixeira, my job would have been a lot harder without his advice and mentoring. He is a valuable asset to the club and I appreciate all that he does!**

**Our new President – Bert Sherman got his feet wet running the November General Meeting, he did a good job and got the meeting completed in a timely fashion. Our new Treasurer – Gerri Ware, sat with Kaye Campbell to begin learning the ropes, she will be taking over the Treasurer duties full time in January. I'm sure, with all of our support, they will both do well.**

**It will soon be time to get things rolling for Tahoe 48, we will be having a Tahoe meeting in January (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday). The Tahoe Committee is down from 4 to 2, so they will need plenty of help, so attend and see if you can contribute.**

**No General Meeting in December, the Christmas Party takes its place.**

**That's about all for now, I will see you at the Christmas Party!**

**Drive Safe and Save the Wave!**

**Chris Campbell**





## CORVETTES OF FRESNO - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES November 17, 2015



**Call to Order:** President Chris Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Board Members present were Kaye Campbell, Nancy Teixeira, Chuck Feccia, and Clay Mumby. Jim Agar was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was shared by all. President Chris Campbell welcomed all members and guests. Chris Campbell announced that Bert Sherman would be taking over the meeting to get a feel for it before he starts his term as President for 2016. Chris Also thanked everyone for their support while he was President.

**Secretaries Report:** Minutes of the meeting October 2015 are published in the COF newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the October 2015 minutes was made by Dave Dutton and seconded by Carol Trauger, Motion carried.

A motion to accept the October 2015 minutes as published in the Fiberglass Forever newsletter was made by Chris Campbell and seconded by Gene Fox, motion carried unanimously!

**Treasurers Report:** Kaye Campbell reported the accounts activity for October, which is on file to be reviewed by members only. A Motion was made to approve the treasures report as read by Larry Minnich and seconded by Carol Trauger. Motion carried unanimously. Kaye also wanted to thank the board for supporting her and also the past Treasurers Larry Minnich and Gene Fox for their help.

Kaye presented the Budget for 2016. Nick DiLiddo had a question about the amount for the Christmas Party. It was explained that the Christmas Party is part of the budget even though it is self funded. A motion was made by Dave Dutton to accept the Budget and seconded by Joan Kozera.

**Membership:** Clay Mumby reported we have 68 members present and no guests. Corvettes of Fresno have 133 members and 81 corvettes. November Birthdays were acknowledged and no Anniversaries in November. The amount of the name tag drawing for the month of November is \$20.00. Remember to always sign in at the beginning of all meetings!

**Communication:** Jim Agar was absent, but Allen Teixeira talked to him and the deadline for the newsletter is Friday November 20.

**Webmaster:** Webmaster Chris Campbell reported that the Web site is up to date and pictures of Veteran's Day Parade are up.

**Activities:** Chuck Feccia thanked everyone for the cards and phone calls after his surgery. He also wanted to thank Battaglia's for putting on the Fall Fun Run and the Trauger's and Biglieri's for doing the Melodrama in Ocean Run. Please refer to the Calendar of events in the club newsletter, or on the club web site, [www.corvettesoffresno.com](http://www.corvettesoffresno.com) for more details and up to date information. **Guests are encouraged to attend any event, come join the fun! Remember all sign up sheets are on the side table.**

### **Past Events:**

**Nov 11** Veteran's Day Parade, Billie Talley was the chair person and reported 37 cars were in the parade and after the group went to DiCicco's and then to Billie's house for Peach Cobbler. Teresa Ochoa said she watched from the sidelines and was impressed when all the Corvettes went by and also what a great parade it was.

### **Up Coming Events:**

**Dec 1** Board Meeting at 6:30 Spaghetti Factory on Shaw

**Dec 4** COF Christmas Party TorNinos at 6pm sign up sheet, Sharon Minnich chairperson, reported that we have over 80 people signed up and if anyone else who may be interested in going need to see her after the meeting.

### **No General Meeting in December**

**Jan 5** Board Meeting at 6:30 Spaghetti Factory on Shaw

**Jan 12** Tahoe 48 Meeting Denney's Blackstone & Herndon 7PM

**Jan 19** COF General Meeting 7PM Yosemite Falls on Cedar

**Feb 27** Ice Breaker to Monterey, Steve Profera chair more details later.

Allen Teixeira said we need everyone who wants to help with Tahoe 48 to attend the January meeting as we need to decide if we want to increase the package price and also if we want to go with the cooler as part of the package. He also said he would also like a couple other people to step up and help him and Jim as committee chairs.

**WSSC** Allen Teixeira announced that the next Redline is out and let him know if you do not receive one. The next meeting and Banquet is January 16 in Sacramento. He said he received the minutes from the last meeting and there was discussion about who will chair the convention and if they should have it every other year and also think about hiring an event coordinator.

**Sunshine Report** given by Ruth Looney, cards were sent to the following members Geri Ware for her surgery and Lloyd Cox for his cancer. She said Lloyd Cox will take calls if you would like to talk to him. Ruth also asked if anyone knows of about someone who needs a card sent to them please let her know.

Chris also said that last month he forgot to let the club know that the board had decided not to send flowers for illnesses or deaths, only cards from now on due to the expense of the flowers.

**Old Business:** Jim Kozera said we forgot to vote on the motion to accept the 2016 Budget, Bert then asked for the vote and the motion passed.

**New Business: None**

**Name Tag Drawing:** Pam Forrester's name was drawn and she was presented the \$20.00 for having her name tag on. The drawing will be \$10.00 in January..

**50/25/25 Raffle:** Harry Bellow was the first ticket drawn for \$50.00 and the second was Sherry Beatie for \$50.00..

There being no further business a motion was made by Chris Campbell to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Chuck Ware the meeting was adjourned at 7.40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Nancy Teixeira  
By/ net



**NANCY TEIXEIRA**  
**SECRETARY**



# CLAY'S MEMBERSHIP NEWS



## Membership

Clay reported that as of the 2015 Calendar Year COF has 133 members and 81 cars.

## Members & Guests

Total attendance: 68 Members & no Guests

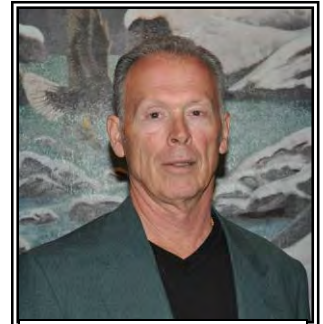
## Nametag drawing

Pam Forrester's name was drawn & She was present, the drawing will be for \$10.00 next month.

Remember to wear your nametag at the meeting for a chance to win.

## Club Directories and Updates

The 2016 electronic copy of the club membership directory is available online at [www.corvettesoffresno.com](http://www.corvettesoffresno.com) (contact Chris Campbell for the new access info)



CLAY MUMBY  
MEMBERSHIP



### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

JOHN & KELLY ASHLEY 15 - RICK & SHERRY BEATIE 31



### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



GARY GAGNEBIN 2 - LORI MARTINEZ 5 - JOE GONZALEZ 7  
LYNNE AGAR 10 - ROWLAND GLEIM 13  
ROLANDO MARTINEZ 18 - DIANE HUSS 22 - LLOYD COX 23  
LIZ DeVOE 24 - KIRK YERGAT 24 - CONNIE QUIGLEY 26  
LARRY MINNICH 26 - JOHN JOHNSON 27  
JERRY NAJARIAN 29 - JO JOHNSON 30



### 50/25/25 DRAWING WINNERS

HARRY BELLOW  
SHERRY BEATIE



EACH WON  
\$50.00



CONGRATULATIONS!



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# CHUCK'S 2015 & 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS PAGE



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MINNICH CHAIRPERSON. 559-449-3331

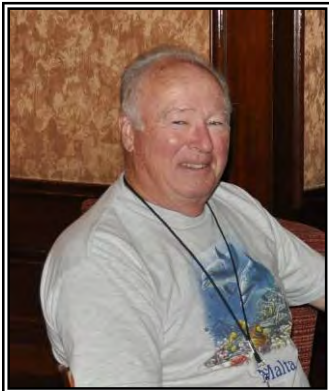
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BLACKSTONE

JANUARY 19, 2016 - TUESDAY - GENERAL MEETING 7:00 PM AT YOSEMITE FALLS CAFE  
LOCATED AT 4020 N. CEDAR IN GRANITE PARK

FEBRUARY 27, 2016 - SATURDAY - ICE BREAKER TO MONTEREY - INFO TO FOLLOW

APRIL 15-17, 2016 - GAMBLERS CLASSIC IN LAUGHLIN, NV - FLYER IN NEWSLETTER & WEB

JUNE 3-5, 2016 - MONTEREY COAST CORVETTE CRUISE - FLYER IN NEWSLETTER & WEB



CHUCK FECCIA  
VP ACTIVITIES

### TAHOE 48 MEETING

TAHOE 48 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00PM  
TUESDAY JAN 12, 2016 AT DENNY'S ON THE CORNER OF  
BLACKSTONE & HERNDON

### WSCC

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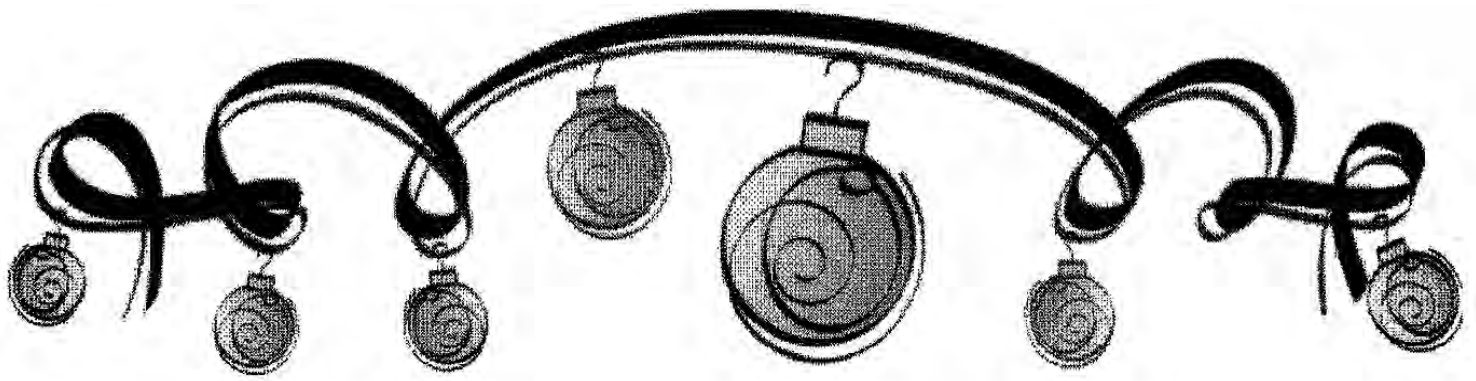
## PLAN A RUN TAKE US TO YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TAHOE 48 - SEPTEMBER 8 - 11, 2016



# VETERANS DAY PARADE







Corvettes of Fresno

Invites you to our

# ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

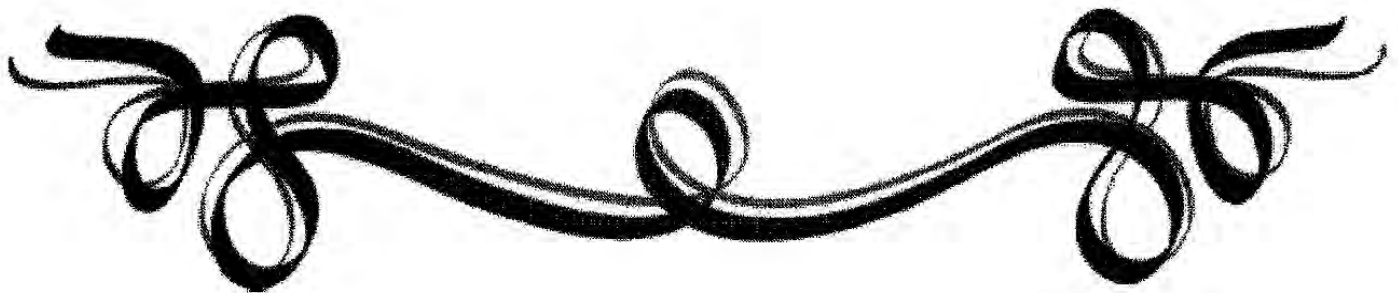
Friday, December 4th  
6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

TorNino's  
5080 N. Blackstone Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93710  
Ph 559-222-2453

Dinner: Buffet Style  
Price: \$35.00 per person

Host: Sharon Minnich  
Ph #559-449-3331

Entertainment: DJ  
(same as last year)



**We're Back! April 15 – 17<sup>th</sup> 2016**

**19<sup>th</sup> Gambler's Classic is on!**



**FOR MORE INFO &  
REGISTRATION FORMS  
FOR THESE RUNS  
CONTACT**

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**OR**

**JIM AGAR**  
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The host hotel for the 19<sup>th</sup> Gambler's Classic presented by Corvettes of Bakersfield is again Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort and Casino in Laughlin Nevada. The hotel is right on the banks of the beautiful Colorado River.

The Riverside Resort is offering Gambler's Classic participants a very special rate of \$35.00 week night (Thursday) and \$55.00 weekend rates (Friday and Saturday) for a standard room. Upgrades are available at an additional cost, call hotel for details. We will have a "fenced in secured" parking lot for all participants vehicles.

Three hundred rooms at The Riverside have been blocked for this event and will be held until 30 days before the event. We encourage you to make your reservations early, we expect a full house.

For reservations please call The Riverside at 800 227 3849 and reference "C/GCCOB to get the special rate.

Any questions please feel free to call Bob Vella @ 661 809 7387.

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## **2016 Monterey Coast Corvette Cruise**

**June 3, 4, and 5**

*Hosted by Monterey Peninsula Corvette Club*

It's time to register for the 2016 Monterey Coast Corvette Cruise Event. Prepare yourselves for a fun packed weekend on California's beautiful Monterey peninsula. For those who have participated in prior years, we hope you decide to join us in 2016. For those of you presently "scoping out upcoming events", this event will be all you could hope for. Whichever category you fall into, old or new, spread the word, register, then set back and relax. This is by far one of the best events in the state.

Some of our events over-lap so you participate in those you like, skip the others, or you can send your significant other one way and you go the other. Whatever works for you works for us! We have two goals. One is to make sure our event participants have a wonderful weekend. The second goal is to raise money for The Food Bank of Monterey County, a well deserving organization in the county providing food for individuals and families in need. To date we have raised over \$20K to support their efforts, which equates to over \$140K when combined with other generous partnerships they have built. That makes this weekend a WIN-WIN for everyone!

If you have questions, call Katie Ruskell, Event Coordinator, at 831.624.9018 or email her at [cypresspainting@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cypresspainting@sbcglobal.net). During the event, an MPCC member will be available in our hospitality suite everyday to assist you.

**Embassy Suites Lodging ... Single/Dbl Occupancy \$179; Triple Occupancy \$199; Quad Occupancy \$219, plus taxes & \$5 per day parking**

Arrangements have been made with Embassy Suites to provide rooms for our event participants at significantly reduced summer rates. Although the event is limited to the first 100 registrants, we have arranged for only 75 rooms to be set aside as some participants stay with family, friends, or at other pre-arranged lodging. If you plan on staying at Embassy Suites, book your room as soon as you receive the event group code. Rooms go fast! Reserved rooms include a mixture of single, double, triple, and quad availability with double or king beds. We continually monitor the room block to insure other groups do not infringe on rooms set aside for our event participants. Embassy Suites has graciously agreed to extend the room rates for two days before the event and two days after the event for those of you planning an extended stay. Visit Embassy Suites online to see other hotel accommodations.



## **Car Salesman Crashes a \$95,830 Corvette Z06 Inside Dealership**

**It still amazes us every time you hear about someone working in the profession of selling cars who do not know how to drive a manual transmission. Not only that, but when an accident like the one we are about to share happens, the inevitable excuse of confusing the brake and clutch pedals is laughable.**

**Our friends at Jalopnik are reporting that a Corvette Z06 with an sticker price of \$95,830 was launched into the front windows of the North Carolina dealership by a salesperson.**



**The Corvette Z06, leaving a set of burnout marks on the floor, smashed into the front windows of the dealership which sent glass all over the front of the Z06 and killed a poor potted ficus tree in the process. The impact of the car also pushed out part of the bottom wall which doesn't portend well for the lower front of the Corvette where you'll usually find a \$3,000 carbon fiber splitter.**

**Making matters worse is the fact that the car was custom ordered for a customer. Let's hope he was not on-hand to witness the abuse of his new car. And speaking of this being a customer's car, if it was you, would you take delivery of a fixed Corvette Z06 that had been launched into a window and wall? I don't know many who would.**

**The crash is being blamed on the salesperson reportedly confusing the clutch and brake pedals. The last time I checked, the clutch was on the left and it has a much different feeling when being applied as that pesky brake pedal in the middle. This almost feels like the remote starter fail parody we ran recently.**

**It's kind of crazy in this day and age that there are salespeople who are paid to know every fine detail about a Corvette Z06, yet have no idea what it's like to drive one. We're betting this salesperson is wishing his customer would have ordered the Corvette Z06 with the 8-speed auto instead.**



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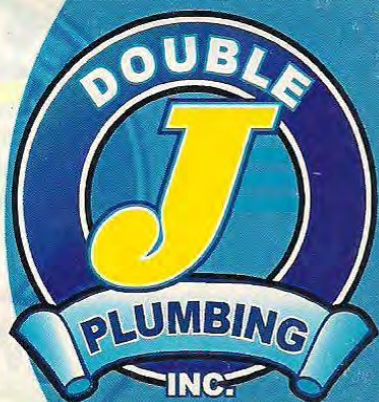
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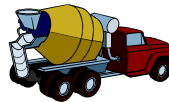
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## **Color Changes are Coming Immediately to the 2016 Corvette**

Any time we hear about color changes on new Corvettes, its pretty big news.

This morning we received an update on Corvette production from Mike Furman at Criswell Chevrolet. It looks like two colors are being phased out of 2016's production – Night Race Blue and Daytona Sunrise Orange Metallic. The good news is that an early build-out usually signifies new color exteriors for the next model year.



What this also means is that if you wanted a Corvette with either of these colors, the end date to build your own is rapidly approaching.

Mike also tells us that the last day to order a Night Race Blue Corvette will be November 12th while Daytona Sunrise Orange is available to order through December 17th. Night Race Blue will then disappear from the Corvette color palate by the end of December while Daytona Sunrise Orange Metallic will hang on through January.

## **OnStar Kill Switch Foils Theft of Corvette Stingray from California Dealership**

Chalk one up for the computer nerds.

In this high-tech age, it might be a good idea for car thieves to search for a more honest way of making a living.

At least if the targeted car is equipped with an Onstar kill switch system.

A man in California knows that firsthand now after his attempted theft of a new white Corvette Stingray ended in his arrest when Onstar was used to locate the vehicle, activate a kill switch and decelerate it – all in less than two hours.



“Somebody came to visit our dealership and unfortunately thought it would be a good idea to try and steal a vehicle,” said Brian Bunnin of Bunnin Chevrolet in Culver City, Calif.



**Wrong move.**

**“We have a valiant, strong staff who tried to safely not allow this suspect to get away with the vehicle,” Bunnin said, “but for us safety is No. 1 and of paramount importance. A piece of sheet metal can be replaced or seemingly located by the police.”**

**In this case, actually a piece of plastic since it was a Corvette, but you get the idea.**

**The man took the car about 9 p.m. Monday from the dealership lot at 6101 W. Slauson Ave. Officers chased the vehicle on I-10 and other freeways before losing track of it. However, Onstar came to the rescue, locating the missing Corvette and sending a signal that shut off the ignition and decelerated the Stingray around 10:40 p.m. about 60 miles away in Riverside, Calif.**

**After a short standoff, lawmen took the driver into custody.**

**Police told KNBC-TV that a dealership employee was injured when the suspect slammed the employee’s hand in the car door as he sped off.**

**The suspect, meanwhile, is facing grand theft auto and carjacking charges, according to Sgt. Luis Martinez of the Culver City Police Department.**

### **C8 Corvette Looking More Likely to Serve as Holden’s New V8 Sports Car in Australia**

**It’s looking more and more as if the Chevrolet Corvette might be the replacement for the Holden Commodore performance car currently available in Australia.**

**Production of the Commodore will end in The Land Down Under in 2017, but General Motors International President Stefan Jacoby has made it clear for months that the Aussies won’t be without a GM performance car after that.**



**In a recent exclusive interview with Australian-based website CarAdvice, Jacoby didn’t come out and say the Corvette will be the answer but did point out “when we come into the market we’re going to have a big surprise. It will be better than the Mustang.”**

Some thought the new generation Camaro might be what he was referring to at the beginning of this year when Jacoby said the brand would introduce “something which truly fulfills the requirement of a true Holden sports car.”

However, GM confirmed later that the new Camaro will not be produced in the right-hand-drive that would be necessary for the Australian market. Of course, neither is the current Corvette, leading CarAdvice to speculate that the Aussies might have to wait for the next-gen ‘Vette.

Meanwhile, rival Ford already has more than 3,000 pre-orders for its new Mustang in Australia, with Jacoby admitting that not offering the new Camaro there “could be” a missed opportunity for GM. “We are lagging behind Ford, obviously, in many areas,” Jacoby said, “[but] it doesn’t mean we don’t have the answer. I think when we come into the market we’re going to have a big surprise. It will be better than the Mustang.”

Jacoby added fuel to the rumor fire when he said: “There are some areas of the sports car [market] where Ford has no competitors to us. So that’s our opportunity. The super sports car – they don’t have it.”

At first glance, that would seem to indicate the Corvette, though Cadillac has some high-performance models, too, like the CTS-V, basically a four-door Z06.

Jacoby urged patience, pointing out that GM is not ready to tip its hand yet, but indicated that performance will definitely continue to be available from Holden.

“You guys need a sports car over there, a Holden sports car,” he said.

“I think a brand like Holden, we need to maintain the sportiness, it’s in the genes. [That’s why] we will have a top-of-the-line sports car in Australia.”

### **GM Promising New Approach on Engineering its Vehicles for Right Hand Drive**

The decision won’t affect American customers, but General Motors says it has changed its corporate philosophy to include the engineering of right-hand drive capabilities in certain vehicles from the beginning.

While that switch won’t help customers in places like Australia that might be



**candidates for the current Camaro and Silverado if they were RHD, it does offer hope in the future that such vehicles could show up some day in The Land Down Under.**

**As GM Global President Dan Ammann told [motoring.com.au](http://motoring.com.au) at the Frankfurt motor show overnight: “For a long time it [right-hand drive business cases] has been looked at on a very individual approach, which was we would develop something and then say the cost to do right-hand drive is prohibitive.**

**“The philosophical change is that from the outset on most major programs we are going to build in right from the beginning the capability for right-hand drive so that then entry-by-entry the decision to do it is not as expensive.**

**“So that is a philosophical change. We are going from a piecemeal approach to a serve all markets approach.**

**“I think it is realization that the only way to do this the right way is to make the philosophical decision from the beginning to put the engineering enablers into the vehicles from the beginning.”**

**The decision comes too late to keep Holden from having an affordable V8 once the Commodore ends production in 2017. As we reported earlier this week, rumor has it that the Corvette will become the halo car for Holden with its next generation, though estimated to cost more than \$100,000.**

**In the meantime, the Ford Mustang will apparently be left to battle it out with high-performance versions of the Dodge Charger and Challenger in the low-cost V8 market. GM CEO Mary Barra explained her company’s lack of a lower-priced RHD V8 in the Australian market by saying that the new generations of the Camaro and Silverado were approved during the tough economic times for the company in the late 2000s.**

**During a press conference in Frankfurt, Barra said:**

**“Some of those decisions on our current products now were made at a point when it was difficult from a capital and investment perspective.**

**“But as we look at it it’s not going to be every vehicle across the portfolio but we are looking for what are the right vehicles that are going to round out the portfolios in very important countries that require right-hand drive.**

**“I think you will see a much more planned and very proactive view of how we do it because when you engineer a vehicle – if you know from the beginning that’s what you are going to do – it’s much easier than trying to re-engineer it.**

**“That is our focus. So you will see an improvement for sure.”**

## **Colorado's Governor Drives Semi-Autonomous Corvette Stingray**

Corvette Chief Engineer Tadge Juechter says the Chevy sports car will likely be the last to become a self-driving vehicle.

But Tuesday morning, Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper did the next best thing.

He drove the special Corvette Stingray that has been modified for Sam Schmidt, the racecar driver who was paralyzed on the track 15 years ago.



“This is one of the most amazing things I’ve ever done,” Hickenlooper said. “It’s almost like it was reading my mind.”

The special Stingray – part of the Arrow Semi-Autonomous Motorcar Project – allowed Schmidt to become the first quadriplegic to drive at speed at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway back in May, using the same mods Hickenlooper did this week.

Acceleration and braking are controlled by sucking or blowing into a tube attached to a Freescale pressure sensor, while a cap fitted with sensors connects to in-camera cameras that detect head tilts to control steering.

The mods allow the driver to control the vehicle without holding onto the steering wheel, which Hickenlooper said was a hard adjustment at first.

“You have to stay focused on what you are doing and keep looking straight ahead,” Hickenlooper said. The governor also test-drove other trend-setting vehicles such as a BMW all-electric XDrive 730i and a Mercedes-Benz F-Cell that is its first zero-emissions car.

Press reports say “all drove smoothly and with plenty of punch for a busy U.S. 36.”

The test drives set the mood for Wednesday’s Colorado Transportation Matters Summit on Wednesday, hosted by the Colorado Department of Transportation and focusing on roadway system improvements for the 21st century.



## **1984 Corvette's Front Bumper Wins 2015 SPE Automotive Hall of Fame Award**

**It's been more than 30 years since the 1984 Corvette made its debut.**

**But Chevy's fourth generation sports car continues to earn industry recognition.**

**The GMT composite used on the front bumper of the '84 Corvette has been selected as the 2015 Hall of Fame winner by the Automotive Division of the Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE).**



**The 1984 model represented the first use of glass-mat thermoplastic composite in the industry.**

**To be considered for a Hall of Fame award, an automotive plastic or composite component must have been in continuous use in some form for at least 15 years and preferably have been widely adopted by the automotive or ground-transportation industries.**

**GMT bumpers have been in use on many passenger vehicles for more than 30 years and are being used not only by GM but also by automakers in North America, Europe, and Asia.**

**“The front bumper on the 1984 Corvette not only was the first in a long line of weight- and cost-saving front and rear bumper beams in GMT composites” said Nippani Rao, president, RAO Associates, and co-chair of the SPE Automotive Division Hall of Fame committee, “but it also led to increased use of GMT as well as other thermoplastic composites in a broad range of interior and exterior automotive applications worldwide.”**

**It's no surprise that the Corvette led the way in the use of GMT bumpers, as Chevy's sports car has long been an innovator. GMT bumpers quickly spread to other GM models, including Cadillacs, and by 1986 Ford also began to use the material on its Mustang. By 1989, Honda used GMT on its Accord cars, and in 1991, Toyota, Suzuki, Nissan, and Mazda followed suit.**

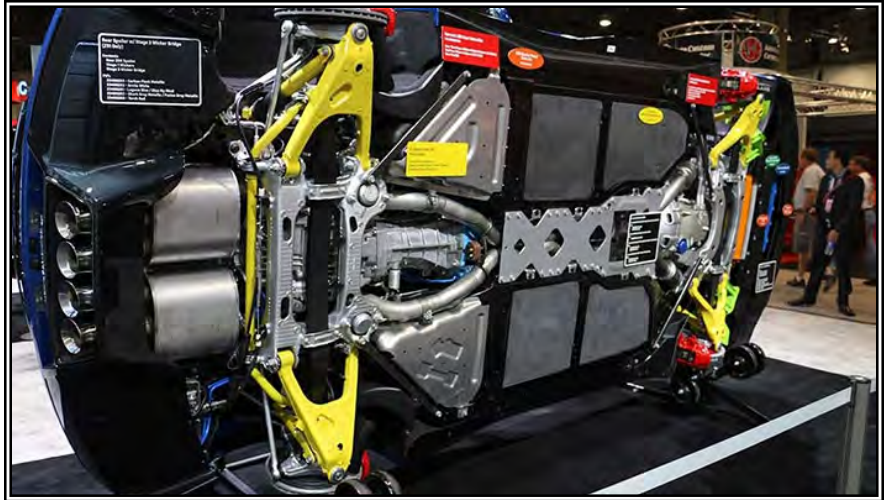
**During the 1990s, more than 16 percent of all passenger cars globally sported GMT bumper beams, consuming more than 500 million pounds of the material.**

**GM design engineer Ted Adamczyk will accept the award on behalf of the original team that worked on the GMT program.**

## **Chevrolet Makes Z06 Performance Parts Available for the Corvette Stingray**

As the C7 Corvette matures, Chevrolet continues to deliver for Corvette owners.

At this year's SEMA show, Chevrolet announced a new list of performance parts that were previously exclusive to the Z06 that are now being made available for the Corvette Stingray.



Many of these parts were featured on the new Corvette Stingray Track Day Concept that is the basis for the new Michelin Corvette Challenge series, but the good news is that anyone can order these parts directly from their Chevrolet dealer.

The new list of performance parts offer Corvette Stingray owners the ability to enhance the handling, braking, cooling and downforce on their cars. While many of the Z06 parts are slated for the Z51 Stingrays, many are available for non-Z51 Corvettes as well and all the parts will fit 2014+ C7s.. Base Corvette owners can also order specific Z51 parts for their Stingrays as well.

“No one has spent more time developing Corvette performance parts than Chevrolet and this new range of components is the result of countless hours of testing that aftermarket companies can’t match,” said Mark Dickens, director, Performance Variants, Parts and Motorsports. “You can mix and match the parts to build your own ultimate Stingray track car – all with factory-engineered components customers can trust will fit and perform as expected.”

A complete list of the Z06 Performance Parts can be found in the 2016 Chevrolet Performance Parts Catalog.

**The new performance parts portfolio includes:**

### **Corvette Z06 Level 3 Aero Package**

This kit is an upgrade for Level 2-equipped Corvette Z06 models and adds elements from the Z07 Performance Package, including larger end plates to the front splitter, as well as an adjustable, transparent wickerbill on the rear spoiler.

### **Corvette Z06 600-Watt Radiator Fan**

Developed to meet the Z06’s cooling requirements, this powerful, 600-watt radiator cooling fan increases the fan speed over the Stingray’s 500-Watt system for greater airflow and enhanced cooling capability. It is a direct replacement for the standard Corvette Stingray cooling fan.

### **Corvette Secondary Radiator Kit**

This kit adds cooling capability to manual transmission Corvettes (base Stingray, Z51 and Z06). The engine coolant temperatures are lowered 25 degrees F along with lowering engine oil temperatures 15 degrees F. The addition of the Z06 grille further enhances the cooling performance of this kit.

### **Corvette Z06 Grille Kit**

The Z06 front grille was designed to provide maximum airflow to the radiator, intercooler and brake cooling ducts for the 650-hp supercar, resulting in a 17-percent increase in front-end airflow, compared to the grille of the Corvette Stingray Z51. It's a direct replacement for the Stingray grille insert. Additionally, the inlet ramps to the brake cooling ducts were optimized to balance the airflow demands of brake cooling and engine cooling.

### **Corvette Z06 Quarter Panel Vents**

They offer larger openings than the Corvette Stingray, for increased airflow to the transmission oil cooler and differential cooler – an approximately 25-percent improvement over the airflow of the Z51 at speed, to help maintain cooling performance.

### **Corvette Z06 Rear Transmission Oil Cooler**

The larger Z06 rear transmission oil cooler fits in the same location as the base Stingray and Z51 cooler and adds extra cooling capacity. It works best when paired with the Z06 Quarter Panel Vents to maximize airflow through the cooler.

### **Corvette Z06 Carbon Fiber Torque Tube and Prop Shaft Kit**

The lightweight Z06 Carbon Fiber Torque Tube assembly saves almost 15.5 pounds (7 Kg) compared to the Stingray's steel-intensive torque tube. The kit also includes higher-temperature rubber couplers in the prop shaft. Applications vary by transmission and model year. The torque tube is also available separately.

### **Corvette Stingray Heat Shield**

This larger heat shield helps protect the prop shaft from higher temperatures. It is only required for 2014 Corvette Stingray models. It is included on 2015+ models.

### **Corvette Z06 Prop Shaft Assembly with High-Temp Couplers**

The Corvette Z06's internal prop shaft includes rubber couplers designed for higher temperatures and a larger heat shield. These couplers are included with the Corvette Z06 Carbon Fiber Torque Tube and Prop Shaft Kit.

### **Corvette Z06 Carbon Fiber Underbody Braces\***

These carbon fiber underbody braces are 17 percent lighter than the aluminum braces on the Corvette Stingray, while also offering an improvement in overall torsional stiffness. They are a direct replacement for the standard braces.

### **Corvette Z06 Brake Kits (Iron Rotors) for Stingray with Z51\***

Designed for Stingray models equipped with the Z51 package, they feature the Z06's standard, two-piece and slotted iron rotors – measuring 14.6-in. x 1.3-in (370mm x 34mm) for the front rotors and 14.4-in. x 1-in. (365mm x 26mm) for the rear. The front kit uses aluminum monoblock six-piston calipers, while the rear kit features four-piston fixed calipers. The front calipers also feature vented pistons for improved pad and brake fluid cooling. They also offer differentiated piston diameters of 30mm, 34mm and 38mm (leading to trailing), for more even pad pressure for improved pad wear. These brakes will not fit under base Stingray or Z51 wheels. They require a minimum of 4mm wheel clearance between the outboard face of the caliper and the inner wheel spokes.

### **Corvette Stingray Z51 Brake Kit**

Designed as an upgrade for the standard Stingray, this Z51 brake complete kit – front and rear – features slotted rotors measuring 13.6 inches (345mm) in front and 13.3 inches (338mm) in the rear. This increases the overall diameter in relation to the standard 12.6-in. (321mm) front rotors. Coupled with the new Z06/Z51 Brake Cooling Kit, this system will match the braking performance of the factory Z51 brake system.

### **Corvette Z06/Z51 Front Brake Cooling Kit**

This kit includes brake ducts and deflectors that channel air from the front grille through the wheel wells to cool the front brakes and expel heat. On a standard Corvette Stingray, it increases airflow by 16 percent, enhancing stopping performance by reducing temperature and the chance for brake fade. For optimal performance, it should be used with the Z51 Brake Package and the Z06 Grille Kit.

### **Corvette Stingray T1 Suspension\***

This suspension package was developed to improve the on-track handling capabilities of the Corvette Stingray, including Z51-equipped models. It includes more aggressive shocks, stiffer stabilizer bars and new lower control arms with stiffer bushings. It was developed for racing and the aggressive shocks were utilized to maintain eligibility to compete within the rules of most club racing sanctioning bodies. It is currently homologated in SCCA's Touring 1 class.

One of the special displays in the GM Performance Parts “garage” at SEMA was a side-ways Corvette Stingray showing the new Z06 parts installed. Chevy color-coded the items like the suspension and cooling updates to make it easy to see what's been upgraded:

The new parts are available today from the Chevrolet dealer's parts counter.

## **Idaho Couple Donates a 1988 35th Anniversary Corvette to the National Corvette Museum**

**Thanks to the generosity of an Idaho couple, the National Corvette Museum is now the proud owner of a virtually brand new 1988 35th Anniversary Corvette.**

**We've seen a few of these all-white cars through the years, and the beautiful white interior is usually the first thing to be ruined by everyday use.**

**But that's definitely not the case with this 35th Anniversary Corvette donated by Rick and Deb Seymour last month to the NCM.**



**In fact, the pampered Corvette has covered just 380 miles in the past 27 years since the Seymours decided to buy it after seeing a photo of an anniversary edition '88 on the cover of Vette Vues.**



**It's never been washed with a hose, just when the wheels and tires needed cleaning, and except for the battery, it remains completely original. They even wore gloves to keep body oil from getting onto the steering wheel the few miles they were in the driver's seat!**

**"You might consider it a little nutty," Rick admits.**

**But true Corvette enthusiasts know just how he feels.**

**The Seymours realize they have a special car, and when Bloomington Gold moved to their hometown of Champaign, Ill., they decided to have it certified there. Indeed their car earned Bloomington Gold, Survivor, and Benchmark Certifications before being returned home to Garden City, Idaho aboard an enclosed trailer.**

**After a trip to the NCM in 2006 to pick up their new Z06, the couple decided they would leave their special '88 to the museum in their will. But they moved up those plans when they heard that the NCM was looking for a 35th Anniversary Corvette to display.**

**"After it was certified, all it did was sit on a rack, covered," Deb said. "We decided we might as well donate it while we are still alive so we can come see it, and others can see it."**

**The car arrived at the NCM in late July, and the Seymours are thrilled to see their "baby" back home again.**

**"This is a big part of our lives," says Deb. "The opportunity to share it with so many people is just the best thing that could happen to us."**

**As you might expect, the Museum is very pleased to get the car, saying: "Thank you to Richard and Debra for entrusting your beautiful piece of history to the Museum. The Corvette is now featured in the Skydome as part of an Anniversary and Special Edition display and is sure to be enjoyed by many visitors for years to come."**

## **Corvette Museum Will Go to Court on November 17th to Appeal Motorsports Park Fine**

**The National Corvette Museum will have its day in court on Nov. 17, hoping to have a \$100 a day fine from the Warren County Code Enforcement Board nullified.**



**Warren District Judge John Brown scheduled the hearing, during which the NCM is expected to argue that the fine was issued arbitrarily and that it is being discriminated against.**

**“The Code Enforcement Board has never before required any other landowner to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy on land,” the NCM said in legal paperwork associated with the appeal. “Rather, Certificates of Occupancy have been required only in relation to buildings. The National Corvette Museum is the first and only property owner that the Code Enforcement Board has ever cited for failure to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy related to land.”**

**The fine dates back to Sept. 9 when the code enforcement board also mandated that the NCM turn into the City-County Planning Commission of Warren County a revised Detailed Development Plan to be approved by said commission, and that all construction at the Motorsports Park and all events at the park stop until the DDP is approved.**

**NCM attorney Charles E. “Buzz” English Jr., argues that the code enforcement board exceeded its authority by issuing those mandates.**

**“The Code Enforcement Board hearing should have been confined to a determination of whether the National Corvette Museum violated Zoning Ordinance Section 3.4, i.e., whether the citation was properly issued,” the court filing said. “Instead, the hearing extended well beyond the scope of the citation to an evaluation of the Detailed Development Plan and Binding Elements.”**

**NCM officials maintain they have lived up to the legal requirements to remain open and are asking Judge Brown to reverse the action of the code enforcement board.**

**Of course, the whole matter really pertains to the noise levels generated by park users that nearby residents say have disrupted their lives. During another hearing today at 9 a.m. before Judge John Grise, the NCM will fight a possible permanent injunction and a punitive and compensatory damages claim because of the vehicle noise.**

**Last Friday, NCM Executive Director Wendell Strode and Planning Commission Executive Director Steve Hunter spent several hours each on the stand answering questions from English and Chris Davenport, attorney for Residents Against Motorsports Track Noise LLC, as well as Judge Grise.**

**Clark Circle residents and the planning commission are seeking a ruling from Grise on a request for a temporary restraining order and a permanent injunction that would close the park down. They are also asking for compensatory and punitive damages from the NCM to be determined by trial.**

## **The Corvette Z06's Supercharged LT4 Powerplant** **Now Available as a Crate Engine**

All you folks out there with a project car that has an empty engine bay just begging for more horsepower should be thrilled with the latest news from Chevrolet.

The Corvette Z06 LT4 6.2-liter supercharged powerplant is now available as a crate engine.

Best of all, while the price isn't overly cheap, for what you're getting, it's a whale of a deal at \$15,625 for a motor that will crank out 650 horsepower and 650 lb-ft of torque.

In the Z06, the LT4 coupled with the eight-speed automatic transmission is good for a 0-60 time less than 3 seconds, 2.95 seconds to be exact.



What do you think it would do in, say, a 1970 Chevelle or a 1957 Bel Air? The possibilities are endless! The Chevrolet Performance part number to order the LT4 6.2L SC Dry-Sump Crate Engine is 19332702. Also available is the LT4 Controller Kit (19331517) and the LT4 Dry-Sump Accessory Drive System (19322614).

While the Z06 powerplant has had some highly publicized problems with engine and supercharger failure, the ones we've heard about are a miniscule, miniscule percentage of the total number of LT4s out there on the streets and the tracks.

Somebody out there is going to have a heck of a project car when they insert this motor!

## **October 2015 Corvette Sales**

While we were out playing last week at SEMA, GM released their monthly sales report for October. Corvette sales still remain strong with 2,526 delivered in October 2015. This is a decrease of 14.6% from the 2,959 Corvettes which were delivered the year prior. For the Calendar Year to Date, a total of 28,924 Corvettes have been delivered this year which is pacing 2014's deliveries by 0.1%.



Comparing the deliveries in October 2015 vs September 2015, sales were lower by 46 cars (2,526 vs 2,572), a decrease of 1.79%. The most notable news for Corvette production in October was the production of the 2016 Corvette Z06 C7.R Editions. Chevy is building 650 of these special editions of which 500 are for the United States while the other 150 will be exported. We featured the first R8C museum delivery (VIN 009) which you can check out [here](#).

This month we also got word about two color changes. Today is the last day to order a Corvette in Night Race Blue. Daytona Sunrise Orange can be ordered through December 17th.

On the flip side, we've learned that the Spice Red Design Package is now available for ordering. Our choice would be a Long Beach Red Convertible with the Red Convertible top.

Here's the GM Sales Report for Corvettes in October 2015:

Corvette Delivery Statistics for October 2015							
Month				Calendar Year-to-Date			
Month	2015	2014	% Change	Months	2015	2014	% Change
October	2,526	2,959	-14.6%	Jan-Oct	28,924	28,909	0.1%

Corvette Sales Monthly Archive:

Archived Monthly Corvette Delivery Statistics													
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2015	2,127	2,605	3,785	3,469	3,514	2,807	2,794	2,725	2,572	2,526			28,924
2014	2,261	2,438	3,480	3,514	3,328	2,723	3,060	2,679	2,467	2,959	2,378	3,552	34,839
2013	908	980	1,053	974	905	853	671	655	831	3,929	2,527	3,005	17,291
2012	629	927	1,376	1,396	1,219	1,475	987	1,210	1,351	1,167	1,104	1,291	14,132
2011	721	955	1,163	1,454	1,304	1,299	1,291	936	1,147	946	910	1,038	13,164
2010	854	624	955	1,089	1,428	1,405	1,199	1,135	1,109	1,011	836	979	12,624
2009	842	1,027	1,183	1,407	1,643	1,396	966	746	1,585	1,154	952	1,033	13,934
2008	2,015	2,071	2,692	3,190	2,904	2,082	1,870	4,242	2,318	1,170	1,093	1,324	26,971
2007	2,234	2,784	3,158	3,227	3,300	2,377	2,377	2,877	2,837	2,484	2,438	2,914	33,685
2006	2,579	3,058	3,655	3,516	3,317	2,938	2,794	2,990	3,056	2,761	2,773	3,081	36,518

For the month of October 2015, GM delivered 262,993 vehicles in the United States, a 16% increase compared with a year ago. Chevrolet was up 18% and it was the best October for sales since 2004.



## **New York Corvette Buyer Scammed by Fake Dealership**

**In the market for a used Corvette?**

**You might want to learn from the School of Hard Knocks attended by a retired New York school administrator.**

**Robert Broncatello was excited about picking up a used 2009 Corvette with less than 19,000 miles showing on the odometer, listed on the Internet with a dealership in Montana.**

**After making several phone calls to Robert Jones, Broncatello decided he had found the Corvette of his dreams and flew on a one-way ticket to Montana to pick up the car.**



**Unfortunately, that's where the story turns sad. Come to find out, there was no Jones Auto Sales, no Robert Jones, no Corvette, period.**

**Broncatello was smart enough not to send any money to the dealership, wanting to avoid a scam, but he is still out a couple of thousand bucks for the airplane ticket from New York.**

**He can't figure out why the ruse.**

**"I wish I knew," Broncatello says. "It didn't make any sense to me. Never gotten scammed before. Usually when I find a car online that is a scam, I tell them I'm coming down to look at the car, they call me back and say the car's just been sold. But in this case, I spoke over the period of three days. Had conversations with him other than the car. He was having a driver pick me up from the airport and take him over to his dealership, which was over here on 1st Avenue. And it doesn't exist."**

**KTVQ in Billings tried to contact Mr. Jones, but after a brief conversation, the man answering the phone hung up and now the number has been disconnected.**

**Broncatello would like to talk to Mr. Jones and has this message for him:**

**"Where are you? I'd like to meet you.' That's what I'd like to say. I'm from New York. Need I say any more," Broncatello said.**

**Broncatello says he has no hard feelings and simply bought another one-way ticket Wednesday. Now he is back in New York, still searching for a Corvette. Here's hoping he finds one at the many legitimate dealerships out there.**

## **Son Surprises Dad with a New Corvette Stingray at the Corvette Museum**

**Fathers and sons share a special bond.**

**Tony Rosenburn of California took that bond a big step further recently.**

**He decided to buy his father, Roger, a 2016 Corvette Stingray convertible, triple black just like Roger ordered.**

**Only thing is, Roger didn't know he had even ordered his dream car.**

**Tony, a retired Marine, has been successful with a leadership seminar company in Southern California and decided he wanted to give his dad the present of a lifetime.**



**That led to a little secret mission the Marines would be proud of.**

**Asking his dad what his dream car would be one day, Roger, a retired GM employee, naturally said a Corvette "...so I get all that information out of him without him knowing why and I ordered him that exact car," Tony recalled.**

**The son then went one better by taking his dad to the National Corvette Museum on a little father-son outing, supposedly to go on a VIP Tour but actually to pick up TWO Stingrays on the floor of the NCM – the black convertible for Roger and a Shark Gray Z06 for Tony!**

**"Every now and then I grab dad and take him on an excursion," Tony explained. "We travel somewhere – typically a concert. We like music. I never tell him what it is. I just say 'hey we're going, trust me' and he always does. I told him we're going to do something different this time for music. I never told him we were going to see a concert because I didn't want to lie to him. So the 'music' is his new XM Radio." At the end of the VIP Tour, Tony handed the key fob to his dad and told him to turn on the XM Radio...in his new black convertible!**

**"It took all I had not to cry," Roger said.**

**"You did cry a little," Karl laughed.**

**“You know, life is short, and I have the ability to do it. And I wanted to do it,” Tony said. “Dad and I have been wrenching on cars our whole lives. I worked on a car with him when I was 12 years old. The first car we built together was a 1974 Chevy Vega. We put a small block in it. That was where my passion for cars began, growing up with dad, a GM guy, a Chevy guy. I’ve always loved cars and he passed that down to me. This is my give back.”**

**Congratulations, Roger and Tony, and welcome to the Corvette family!**

## **C7 Corvette Body Panels Earn Industry Award**

**It’s not the sexiest award ever given to the Corvette C7, but owners of the 2016 Stingray and Z06 should still be grateful that some very smart scientists used their brains to make their cars better.**

**General Motors captured first place in a category at the Society of Plastic Engineers’ automotive division last week.**



**The winners, including the Corvette, were honored at the annual Automotive Innovation Awards Gala held Nov. 11 in Livonia, Mich.**

**GM was cited in the materials category, winning for the class A body panels manufactured with the innovative TCA Ultra Lite composite material from Continental Structural Plastics, with the toolmakers being Century Tool & Gage and Paragon Die & Engineering Co.**

**The process is complicated, but basically CSP came up with a sheet molding compound where the calcium carbonate filler was replaced with glass microspheres. In simple language, the new process is responsible for slicing a whopping 20 pounds off the Stingray coupe’s weight for the 2016 model.**

**Furthermore, the new body panels are cost competitive with the old ones “and at par with strength and finish properties,” according to CSP’s Probir Guha, vice president of advanced research and development. In addition, tooling costs are low for low runs like the Corvette, with the new material lowering tooling costs by as much as 50 to 70 percent compared to steel or aluminum.**

**In all, 21 body panels in the 2016 Corvette use the new Ultra Lite compound, including doors, decklids, quarter panels, and fenders.**



## Did Cadillac's President Hint that the Zora ZR1 Mid-Engine Corvette is Real?

We've been following the rumors and innuendo surrounding a potential mid-engine Corvette that may be under development by GM that would hit the market around 2018. And while we are confident that this car known as the Zora or the ZR1 is going to happen, it's always nice when a company insider lends credence to those rumors, whether intentional or not.



In a recent interview with *Motor Trend*, Cadillac's President Johan de Nysschen was talking halo cars, diesel's vs hybrids and production of cars for global buyers. de Nysschen was specifically asked if Cadillac was considering building a halo car based on the forthcoming mid-engine Corvette and he answered that it has to be one of the options considered.

Here is the key passage from the *Motor Trend* interview:

*Is a halo car based on the forthcoming mid-engine Corvette in the cards for Cadillac?*

*"It has to be one of the options that we consider. In the future there are going to be some architectures inside the corporation that will remain purely Cadillac, but then there are others where it just isn't economically feasible to enter segments by trying to do a unique Cadillac. Then you look at what's available in terms of corporate assets. And I'm sure you'd agree that a new, very advanced Corvette platform wouldn't be a bad place to start. On the other hand, if we think about what could be a true halo car for Cadillac besides that, you could go in a completely different direction. Considering particularly our heritage, I could also imagine a very luxurious, very indulgent, very sophisticated four-door convertible being a good play that draws on our heritage."*

We agree that a 2-seater coupe/convertible sports car for Cadillac makes a lot of sense, especially when you see how the company wants to compete with Audi. Audi's luxurious R8/R10 sports cars could use some good American competition in the form of a Corvette-based mid-engine Cadillac.

**Chevy and Cadillac are also way beyond the badge engineering issues that dominated GM's line-up in the 1980s/1990s and so we believe it would make good business sense for the two companies to share some of the engineering costs and then let each brand define exactly how their mid-engine sports car would be outfitted.**

**Regardless of whether or not Cadillac can make a business case to offer a mid-engine sports car, it does appear that the Corvette team has already moved past that point and that we could indeed see Zora Arkus-Duntov's dream of a production mid-engine Corvette finally come to fruition.**

## **Judge Grants Delay in Motorsports Park Ruling**

**The National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park has been in the midst of a controversy for the past several months, trying to soothe nearby residents who have been complaining about what they think is excessive noise caused by the track.**

**Last week, the NCM was in court to defend itself against a request by residents to temporarily halt activities at the Motorsports Park.**



**Now, Warren Circuit Judge John Grise, who will rule in the case, signed an order Monday delaying his decision until at least Nov. 23.**

**Ironically, the request to delay that decision was requested by all the parties involved, including the National Corvette Museum Foundation Inc.; City-County Planning Commission of Warren County; Warren County Code Enforcement Board; Residents Against Motorsports Track Noise, LLC; and two Clark Circle residents, Janet Jent and Sarah Buckley.**

**Judge Grise said in the latest order that he will delay a decision until at least Nov. 23 “in order to provide the parties additional time to continue their discussions.”**

**The judge was in charge of hearings where testimony was taken over a recent two-day period, when he even asked the attorneys if they could be prepared for a trial in March.**

**Hopefully, this latest delay will lead to a decision that will be agreeable to both parties so the Motorsports Park can get back to focusing on the real reason for its existence – which is not to pad the pockets of attorneys.**

**Unfortunately, the NCM faces more legal issues today (Nov. 17) in a separate case being heard by Judge John Brown, who will hear an appeal by the NCM on the \$100 a day imposed by the county code enforcement board because it says the museum hasn't lived up to the requirements needed for a certificate of occupancy to be granted.**

## **Judge Delays Code Enforcement Appeals Hearing for Corvette Museum's Motorsports Park**

**Ironically enough, could the dispute over the noise being generated by the National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park be settled quietly behind the scenes?**

**Corvette enthusiasts certainly hope so.**

**Another sign that the parties involved are trying to reach an amicable agreement zoomed into town Tuesday.**



**That's when Warren District Judge John Brown, who was slated to hear an appeal by the NCM Foundation on Tuesday morning concerning the \$100 a day fine issued by the Warren County Code Enforcement Board, delayed the hearing until 9 a.m. on Dec. 15.**

**According to an attorney for the code enforcement board, the Museum, Clark Circle residents, and the City-County Planning Commission of Warren County are trying to negotiate a settlement of the dispute that has dragged on for more than a year. More than 70 homes are in Clark Circle near the park, and residents there have complained for months about noise from vehicles on the track.**

**"There have been discussions arising out of the lawsuit in circuit court," code enforcement board and City-County Planning Commission attorney Frank "Hamp" Moore told The Bowling Green Daily News this week.**

**Judge Brown's delay came on the heels of another decision on Monday by Warren Circuit Judge John Grise to delay his ruling until at least Nov. 23 on a request by Residents Against Motorsports Track Noise, residents Janet Jent and Sara Buckley, and the City-County Planning Commission for a temporary injunction to shut down the park – after all parties involved asked him for the delay.**

**We're sure all parties would be more than glad to have an agreement to gobble down with their Thanksgiving turkey, especially since NCM Executive Director Wendell Strode recently testified that even a temporary shutdown of the park would be devastating to the track, which still owes half of the \$20 million project that is to be repaid by activities there.**



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